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On the 29th, a news reporter came and said that it is incessantly rumored that War Minister ARAKI stated to the Premier the Army's firm view concerning the Manchuria and Mongolia problem, and that the Premier is greatly vexed.

I phoned the Premier, saying: "I heard this sort of story", but the Premier said: "That is absolutely untrue. I once asked War Minister ARAKI's detailed opinion on this matter. I called him again for further confirmation of his opinion, however, he did not express any strong opinion on this matter."

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夫で廿九日に新聞記者達が來て荒木陸軍大臣は滿蒙問題に就て陸軍の強硬な意見を總理大臣に述べて總理大臣は非常に非常に困つて居る夫から自分は總理に電話で「斯う云ふ風な話がありますか」と言つて尋ねた處が總理は「いや對じてそんなことはない寧ろ今日の荒木陸軍大臣に具体的問題に就ての意見を一邊聞いたことがあるけれども尙確めようと思つて此方から聞きたいので呼んだのであつて強いて強硬とか何とか云ふ話も何も別にない」